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Art Unit: 1646

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FOR: A NOVEL HUMAN G-PROTEIN COUPLED RECEPTOR,
HGPRBMY8, EXPRESSED HIGHLY IN BRAIN

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Kindly enter the following amendments to the above captioned application.

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 6, replace paragraph [0027] with the following paragraph:

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[0027] It is an object of the present invention to also provide a method for detecting a polynucleotide that encodes a G-protein coupled receptor, preferably the HGPRBMY8 polypeptide, or homologue, or fragment thereof, in a biological sample comprising the steps of: a) hybridizing the polynucleotide, or complement of the polynucleotide sequence encoding SEQ ID NO:2 to a nucleic acid material of a biological sample, thereby forming a hybridization complex; and b) detecting the hybridization complex, wherein the presence of the complex correlates with the presence of a polynucleotide encoding the HGPRBMY8 polypeptide, or fragment thereof, in the biological sample. The nucleic acid material may be further amplified by the polymerase chain reaction prior to hybridization.

On page 10, replace paragraph [0053] with the following paragraph: